

**2023**  
**SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE**

**The Power of Thanks-Living**  
 Psalms 116

**Thanks-Living** = the sincere \_\_\_\_\_ of a heart filled with gratitude for all God has given.

**The Psalmist's \_\_\_\_\_ for Thanksgiving –**

- Because God \_\_\_\_\_ him – (vs. 1-2)  
 \*When I speak God \_\_\_\_\_! (1Jn. 5:14-15)
- Because God \_\_\_\_\_ him – (vs. 3-6, 8)  
 \*He prayed and God \_\_\_\_\_ him (Ex. 3:7-8)  
 \*He gives God the \_\_\_\_\_!
- Because God had richly \_\_\_\_\_ him – (vs. 7)  
 \*He counts his \_\_\_\_\_ blessings!  
 \*Danger of \_\_\_\_\_ mindset!

**The Psalmist's \_\_\_\_\_ to God –**

- Expressing \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12-13; 17)  
 \*You must be “thankful” to \_\_\_\_\_!  
 \*We need to be thankful in \_\_\_\_\_ things (Eph. 5:20)  
 \*\*Pleasant and \_\_\_\_\_ –  
 big and \_\_\_\_\_ things  
 \*Our blessings are truly \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 40:5)
- Dedicating his \_\_\_\_\_ to God (vs. 14)  
 \*Total unconditional \_\_\_\_\_ to God is the highest form of \_\_\_\_\_!  
 \*Thanksgiving is not \_\_\_\_\_ without thanks-living! (1Cor. 6:20)

**Developing \_\_\_\_\_ in Our Lives –**

- Everything we have is from \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 24:1)
- Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 2:14)
- Develop of \_\_\_\_\_ of giving thanks (Eph. 5:20)

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**SCHEDULE**

Sunday	
Bible Classes for all ages	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Classes for all ages	6:30 p.m.

**ELDERS AND STAFF**

Elders		Deacons	
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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Bible Hour Kim Bower	
ELDER for Nov.	Eric Bliss
LADIES COMMITTEE for Nov.	Shannon Cottam



**NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023**

**Order Of Worship**

- Song Leader: Ryan Bliss
- Welcome.....Eric Bliss
- 18 Count Your Blessings  
141 Father Of Mercies
- Prayer.....Dale Brand
- 531 Shall I Crucify My Savior
- Lord's Supper.....Dave Gastellum
- 724 We Give Thee But Thine Own
- Offering.....Mike Cottam
- 294 I Must Tell Jesus
- Scripture Reading.....Jerry Hopkins
- Morning Service....."The Power of Thanks-Living!" .....  
with Roy Senior
- 220 He Lives  
186 God Give Us Christian Homes
- Closing Prayer.....Bob Donald
- Potluck Directly After Morning Worship.....

**PRAYER IS IMPORTANT**

**ENCOURAGING WORDS**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
<b>Nov. 19th</b>	Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Worship @ 10:30 AM Potluck/ Devo Directly Following AM Worship
20th	Shannon Cottam's birthday
21st	Shawn B Johnson's birthday
22nd	Evening Service @ 6:30 PM
23rd	Thanksgiving
25th	Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM Housewarming Party @ noon @ Shelli's Bridge House Meal Service

**MONTHLY POTLUCK**

Our monthly potluck is today. Please stay & enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings! A short devo with directly follow the potluck and conclude our worship for the day.

**YARD AND GARDENING TOOLS**

We have cleaned out the shed next to the church house and placed the contents in the Men's closet. Members are welcome to go by and take what you'd like.

**A HOUSEWARMING PARTY**

The housewarming party for the Johnsons is this Saturday Nov. 25th at noon @ Shelli's house. Please RSVP with Shelli or Kassie by 11/22/23 or any questions about what they might need.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang the best.

**SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY**

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*  
~ 1 Peter 4:10

**-Bob & Robin Murray** were in a traffic accident last Wednesday in Ontario. Both were taken by ambulance to Kaiser hospital but released later that day. **Robin** went to Marian Thursday experiencing dizziness & disorientation. All the tests came back clear. Please keep them both in your prayers for a swift recovery from their injuries.

**-Eric Bliss** asked for prayers for his sister-in-law **Pat**. She was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She sees her oncologist tomorrow. Please keep her & **Bob** as well as the extended family in your prayers.

**-Loretta Bower** asked that we keep her friend **JoAnn**, who's daughters are both battling cancer. Her oldest daughter has now entered hospice care. Please keep them in your prayers.

**-Laura Crownover** asked for prayers for her sister **Ruthie**. The doctors have found early stages of cancer. Please keep her & Laura's siblings in your prayers.

**-Please continue to keep Debbie T. Nelson** in your prayers as she seeks resolution for her eyesight issues.

**-Roy Senior's** daughter-in-law **Kimberly's** father **Tony**, is still in need of prayers. His cancer has spread & he will need more surgery & has a long road ahead. Please keep him & the family in your prayers.

**-Jan Hayes** has a prayer of thanksgiving for her grand-daughter **Kara** & her new job. God is good!

**-Continued prayers for David House** & his health issues. Pray that he will gain strength & feel better.

**-Kassie Gladden** asked for prayers for her friend **Jesi**, who is back in the hospital due to complications to her cancer. Please keep her & her family in your prayers. Also, prayers for her friend **Andrew's** family as they deal with loosing him to kidney failure. Prayers for peace in his family.

**-Elias Hernandez** asked for prayers for his friend & co worker. He is struggling with the loss of family members in Pakistan & the atrocities the country faces.

**-Shawn B Johnson's** friend **Tina** came through her brain surgery well. Please keep her in prayers for a swift recovery.

**-Please continue to keep Karen (Scharnagel) Sekishiro** in your prayers. She is recovering with **Judith** at home from her recent fall which left her with 3 broken bones in her face.

**My First Priority in This Thing Called Life!**  
This thing called life.... sometimes it controls us. Sometimes we get so entrenched in what we're doing that we lose sight of what is most important. As Christians, there is one simple truth that must guide every decision we make and every move we take— Christ is to *"have first place in everything."* **(Col. 1:18)** Christ must have first place in my life! Above all other things in this life, I am a Christian first!

**As a citizen of this country, I am a Christian first!** My citizenship must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better citizen and my nation a better place!

**As an employee with a job, I am a Christian first!** My job must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better worker and my job a better place!

**As a member of my family, I am a Christian first!** My family must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better spouse, parent, child or sibling and my home a better place!

**As a friend to others, I am a Christian first!** My friends must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better friend and my relationships a better place!

**As a user of social media, I am a Christian first!** My browsing and posting must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better user and my posts, pages and walls a better place!

Don't let your life control you! Let Christ control your life! As difficult as that might be, that's the way it's supposed to work! Life on this earth is not about living for ourselves but about living for Him! *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Gal. 2:20)

**Something to consider!**

R. Senior